

### **Thursday 28th**

Small groups have played a pivotal role in the life of Tabs for many years. Please pray for new inspiration to be given to the role of small groups within the fellowship.

### **Friday 29th**

Remember to pray for those fulltime workers who you enthusiastically promised before they went. Think about Angus & Helen Douglas, Judy Cook, Jon Birch, Jon Dickerson, Gareth Davidson and anyone else you know.

### **Saturday 30th**

Home Access seeks to meet the needs of homeless people in the area. Pray for the service Claire Grafton and Jan Booker offer to those in need.

### **Sunday 31st**

Please pray for the young people who meet in the Bugg's house. They have discipleship events and social evenings.

TWAM\* Tools With A Mission

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to [john.stansfield5@btinternet.com](mailto:john.stansfield5@btinternet.com) or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Do you find going into historic buildings interesting? Going to famous landmarks which you have heard about all your life but never visited can be quite exciting. For example the Tower of London is known about by every school boy, but have you ever been? When you go on holiday do you go and visit churches different to the sort you are used to, like small, Anglican village churches or great cathedrals? All these places tell a story about the lives of those who built and use(d) them. Churches and chapels show faith that God would provide the money to build them, stickability to finish the job, thankfulness for the talents to do the job. Building the church with people rather than stone is one of God's great promises. Matthew 16:18, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the Gates of Hell will not overcome it". Do you pray about building the church, brick by brick and stone by stone? When you are praying this month ask God to show you how to be involved with building His church, bit by bit, person by person.

# tabernacle : penarth

purpose : to reflect God's love in  
our church, community and world

## prayer diary : may 2015

Many of you will know the story of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem during the time of David (1 Sam 6). On the initial attempt to bring the Ark into the city David and the priests tried to do their own way by putting the Ark onto an ox cart. The whole exercise turned out to be something of a disaster! The problem was they tried to do the job their own way and didn't remember what God had said in the past about how to carry the Ark and didn't consult him about the future. There are a number of areas of church life where we need to consult God for the future. We have a number of increasingly elderly people; we have a lot of children and youth who need teaching and discipling; we have a lot of new people joining us through the work of Home Access and the food bank not to mention Pub Alpha; we have the regular on-going work of the church which includes the new project Blades. We need God's guidance on all of these areas and we don't want to do it in our own way. That would be a disaster! Please join me in praying over the summer months for what God would have us do at Tabs in the coming year.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Friday 1st**

The new ventures based at the Arcot St property are now taking shape. Pray over the needs, finance, volunteers, leadership and good project management.

### **Saturday 2nd**

Please remember those who will be preparing to lead worship in different places tomorrow. Think of those leading in Tabs, (see newsheet), and those going to places around the district.

### **Sunday 3rd**

The Baptist Assembly is on in Peterborough this month. Pray for everyone involved.

### **Monday 4th (Bank Holiday)**

Some people are bereaved and can take a long time to recover from such events. Pray for someone you know who is or was bereaved.

### **Tuesday 5th**

Please pray for those people who are sick. Pray for those who are sick listed in the newsletter.

### **Wednesday 6th**

Leadership Council meets today to consider the work of Tabs. Please pray for the proceedings.

### **Thursday 7th**

Pray for the election taking place today. Ask God to guide each person who votes, and the politicians faced with creating a new government.

### **Friday 8th**

Please pray for the recently elected diaconate as they get busy with responsibilities running the church.

### **Saturday 9th**

Please pray for those who do pastoral visiting to the housebound and sick. Pray for the Chaplaincy team at Llandough and UHW hospitals. Remember anyone you know who cares for those who are sick.

### **Sunday 10th**

Please pray for the Anglican causes in Penarth, their vision, outreach and ministry in Penarth and district. All Saints, St Augustine's, Holy Nativity, St Dochdwy Llandough, St Peters Old Cogan, St John Baptist Sully and St Peters Dinas Powys.

### **Monday 11th**

#### **Christian Aid Week (10 - 16th May)**

Many people will take part this week in activities around the country trying to raise both awareness and funds to aid the fight against global poverty. Please pray for their efforts today and also take some envelopes and help the fund raising effort.

### **Tuesday 12th**

Please remember the members from Tabs involved in the ministry of TWAM\* as they seek to send suitable material abroad for people to earn a living.

### **Wednesday 13th**

Many young people will be sitting exams in the next few weeks. Pray for Tabs young people in school and college in the coming days.

### **Thursday 14th (Ascension Day)**

Remembering the persecuted church in faraway places is not an additional extra for the church. Please pray for persecuted believers in prison every day.

### **Friday 15th**

The long suffering people of Zimbabwe have experienced years of oppression, bullying, hunger and general bad luck. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the churches trying to lead the country to a better future.

### **Saturday 16th**

Today the 2015 Baptist Assembly is on at the King's Gate Conference Centre, Peterborough for a day. Please pray for the speakers, the organisation and all the people who attend.

### **Sunday 17th**

Please pray for the ministers at Tabs and their families, Roger and Claire Grafton and Jonathan and Catherine Bugg.

### **Monday 18th**

Remember the work amongst the ladies in the church. Pray for Women's Hour, Dorcas, and Ladies Evening Fellowship. Pray for the individual needs of a lady you might know.

### **Tuesday 19th**

Please today pray for the children and helpers at Jaffa Club. Ask God to bless this outreach.

### **Wednesday 20th**

Proverbs tells us to seek wisdom in our relationships with God and each other. Pray to God to give each one wisdom and discernment in our prayer lives.

### **Thursday 21st**

Death comes at all seasons of the year. Pray for someone who is dying or someone recently bereaved.

### **Friday 22nd**

Please pray for outreaches to young people and teenagers on Friday nights. Think of the Street Pastors in Cardiff and other places out doing the gospel on Friday nights.

### **Saturday 23rd**

Please pray about how much you can contribute to the outreach of the church, (see piece below). Ask God to show you the opportunities He has lined up for you.

### **Sunday 24th**

#### **(Whitsunday or Day of Pentecost)**

Let Jesus' name be honoured in the services in Tabs today, give thanks for those who lead the services today.

### **Monday 25th (Bank Holiday)**

Please pray for someone having a day off, they should have a good day.

### **Tuesday 26th**

Justice is a quality which Christians should seek to extol. Let us pray for justice in many different situations.

### **Wednesday 27th**

Pray for a need which no one else is going to pray for today, a family member, someone who is far away, a mission situation close to your heart.